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Newsletter

October 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS!



EAST COUNTY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: On **Saturday, October 18th**, the East County Citizen's Advisory Board will convene its second Leadership Summit, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Marilyn J. Praisner (Fairland) Community Recreation Center**, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. The purpose of the summit is to assemble County officials, community leaders, business owners and residents with the goal of identifying

improvements needed in the Eastern Montgomery County Region.

The Summit will focus on the following topic areas: **Healthcare, Housing, Education, Economic Development, Public Safety and Transportation**. Officials from these various county departments have agreed to outline their agencies' mission and describe projects or programs and how they may impact the East County region. Participants will then assemble in break-out sessions, by topic, to create a priority needs list.

As with the 2003 East County Leadership Summit, the findings will be published and be used as a guide for the Citizen's Advisory Board as they advocate for the needs of the East County Region. This promises to be a great forum for an exchange of ideas among community and government leaders regarding the future of the East County.

Anyone interested in attending should please **RSVP** by calling **240 777-8413** or sending an email to Eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov. This is needed as seating will be limited and for the light lunch served during the break-out session. On-site registration begins at 8:30 am.

October 23rd Energy Efficiency Workshop—Offered by Linkages to Learning YMCA Youth and Family Services and Montgomery County Regional Services. Join us for a presentation by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Office of Home Energy Programs. To learn how to keep your energy cost down and how to apply for energy assistance programs. The workshop is being held on **October 23, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at East County Regional Services Center**, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. Please RSVP at Greencastle Elementary School 301 572-7001 or Benjamin Banneker Middle School 301-476-7672.



Community Service Day, Saturday October 25th Join thousands of your fellow county residents working on projects to improve our community for Montgomery

County's 22nd **Annual Community Service Day, Saturday, October 25th**. Organize your neighbors, work colleagues or other community members, or join an existing East County project. For more information call 240-777-8400.

Together we can make a difference in our community!



East County Regional Job Fair -The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will host a **Job Fair** on **Thursday, November 6, from 3 to 7 p.m.** The Job Fair will take place in the East County Community Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring. More than 50 employers are expected to attend, providing job-seekers with

information on current job openings, taking applications and resumes, and providing on-site interviews. Persons interested in getting assistance with preparing or editing their resumes can attend a **Resume Writing Workshop** on **October 16th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. Call 240-777-8400 to register for this workshop. To register as one of the employers, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco.



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- The Peoples Community Wellness Center



The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med. For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

**Montgomery County Police
3rd Dist. Police - Silver Spring
801 Sligo Avenue,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel #(301) 565-7740**

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle....

George William Curtis

SAVE THE DATE! Join us and the **Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services** in celebrating America Recycles Day on **Saturday, November 15**. Stop by the **Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland between 9am and 12pm** to *shred your residential confidential papers and donate reusable clothing and small household goods such as small electronic items and stuffed animals, glassware, silverware and more.* Details on acceptable materials will be available shortly. Thanks for doing your part to celebrate America Recycles Day and help Montgomery County reach its 50 percent recycling goal!

Flea Market/Yard Sale

SAVE THE DATE !

EAST COUNTY WINTER FEST YARD SALE (INDOOR)
(No prior registrations. First come, First serve)

When: December 6, 2008

Time: Registration begins 8:00 am—10:00 am
Sale begins 10:00 am— 4:00 pm

Where: East County Community Center
3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, MD

Sponsored by Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network and co-sponsored by Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.

For more details, call # 240-777-8400



Congratulations to Ms. Amy Corbman, a second grade teacher at Greencastle Elementary School, who won an American Stars of Teaching award from U.S. Department of Education. The program recognizes an exemplary teacher from each state. Corbman was selected because of her unique teaching strategies, enthusiasm and dedication to ensuring that all students achieve. John McGrath, deputy assistant secretary with the U.S. Department of Education, presented the award at a surprise ceremony Sept. 23."--MCPS

EVENTS HELD IN EAST COUNTY!

East County Community Celebrates Burtonsville Day-

Members of the East County Citizens Advisory Board spent the day getting to know members of their community at the 18th annual Burtonsville Day held September 27 at the Marilyn J. Praisner Community/Recreation Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland.



IMPORTANT TIPS FROM DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



Street Robbery Prevention Tips!

- ▶ Talking on your mobile phone and wearing MP3 player headphones shows robbers that you have things worth taking - don't flash your valuables about - keep them hidden!
- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings and remember: A robbery can occur anywhere. It is better to travel on well lit and well traveled areas versus dark and or isolated routes.
- ▶ Think about your route beforehand when traveling, especially if you're going to be on your own. If at all possible travel with friends.
- ▶ Keep your bag zipped up and make sure your wallet or purse can't be seen.
- ▶ Stay aware at bus stops, inside or around train stations and at other transport links and don't take your phone out at these places.
- ▶ Spread your possessions about — for example, keep your mobile phone separate from your wallet and money.
- ▶ And remember, young men are just as likely to be targeted as young women.



FREE ESOL CLASSES—The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is hosting **ESOL classes** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for adults on **Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30**. The classes are open to all wanting to learn English. One intermediate level class two beginner classes are offered. All classes are free of charge, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$20 book fee are required. *Classes are provided by the Chinese Culture and Community Center.* To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.



The Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department is having their Annual Open House on **Sunday, October 19th from noon to 4:00 p.m.** It is free and open to the public, and features fire prevention information, rescue demonstrations, food, and much more! They are located at 13900 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904



Absentee Ballot Applications for Presidential General Election Available Now—

Voters who are unable to vote in their polling place on November 4, 2008, should request an application for an absentee ballot now. You may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, especially if your employer is not located in Montgomery County. If you work in a neighboring community, why not avoid the stress of waiting in a long line to be late for work or rushing to get to the polls before they close? Vote absentee instead! You may also vote

by absentee ballot if your personal business (you do not have to specify what) takes you out of Montgomery County for **any** reason on Election Day -- even if you only travel to a neighboring community! Absentee ballot applications are available online at www.777vote.org. To obtain an absentee ballot application by mail contact the Board of Elections at **240-777-VOTE (8683)**. Absentee ballots will arrive at the Board of Elections approximately six weeks prior to the election and will begin being mailed out within 24 hours of their delivery. Applications must reach our office by the **deadline, Tuesday, October 28, 2008 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Become a Member of the Professional Medical Team!

Train to become a Phlebotomist

The Montgomery Ministry for Economic Development Inc. proudly presents a Phlebotomy Training Program. The Goal of the Program is to *prepare students for employment as a Phlebotomist, teach students short-term goal with long term benefits, create role model in the student home, promote self-esteem and teach students a sense of responsibility.*

For information, contact Rev. Harold Cook at 301-218-6177.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

CHINESE AND ENGLISH

Saturdays at 10:00 am

October 11, November 15, 08

Come and join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and crafts in Chinese and English.

Learn more about the Chinese language and culture with fun activities.

For non-Chinese speakers, this program will help you learn Chinese in a fun way.

For Chinese speakers, this program will help you connect with your Chinese heritage.

Free Family Program

No registration required

White Oak Library

11701 New Hampshire Avenue

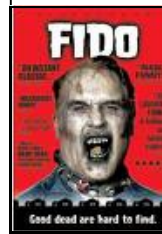
Silver Spring, MD 20904

240-773-9555; TTY 301-622-6596

To request this flyer in an alternate format or ADA program accommodations, contact your library five work days in advance.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

For direction to White Oak Library, click <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/wo.asp>



Teen Read Week Event at

White Oak Library **FIDO**

Tuesday, **October 13 @**

3:15 p.m. See this hilarious horror flick. 90 minutes; rated PG-13

Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center—Friday Night Basketball Tournament for MC High School Students. **October 10th – November 14th, 6:30pm-11:30pm.** The event is FREE. For more information contact Kofi at 240-777-4976.

Halloween Happening – Friday, October 31st, 6:30-8:30; for youth ages 12 & Younger. Carnival Games, Arts-n-Crafts, DJ, Cake Walk, Tattoos, BINGO, and lots of treats.

Linkages to Learning

YMCA Youth and Family Services
Greencastle Elementary & Banneker Middle Schools



Linkages to Learning provides family workshops, educational support services, case management, and mental health services to families at Greencastle and Banneker. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial, emotional or social issues, please contact us at 301-572-7001 or 301-476-7672

Donations: Linkages to Learning is currently accepting donations of hats, gloves, scarves, coats and jackets. All donations are tax deductible

Volunteer: Do you have free time? Volunteer with Linkages to Learning. We are looking for volunteers to: Child Care during our workshops

Contact Ebony Davis Site Coordinator/ Case Manager for more information, Green Castle ES (301) 572-7001/Banneker MS (301) 476-7672.



DID YOU KNOW?

"Walking as the State Exercise" Bill goes into Effect on October 1- The bill's chief sponsor Delegate Bill Bronrott (D-District 16, Montgomery County), a longtime advocate of walkable communities, said that walking is "the most inclusive, accessible and affordable way to combat the multi-billion-dollar impact on our state's health care system and budget caused by sky-high rates of heart disease, obesity, and type 2 diabetes." The General Assembly approved the legislation in April, and Governor Martin O'Malley signed it into law in May. Maryland will become the first "walking state" in the nation starting October 1. For more information go to:

http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/chapters_noln/Ch_401_hb1311T.pdf

Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866
Tel 240-773-9460. To review the Marilyn J. Praisner Library's upcoming events and

other learning programs go to **Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

To review the White Oak Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to **Calendar of Events at**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to
http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Meetings are open to the Public!



Halloween, is a holiday celebrated in the night. Traditional activities include trick-or-treating, bonfires, costume parties, visiting "haunted houses". The term Halloween is shortened from All-hallow-even, as it is the eve of "All Hallows' Day", which is now also known as All

Saints' Day.

Halloween is now celebrated in several parts of the Western world, most commonly in Ireland, the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom and occasionally in parts of Australia and New Zealand.

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<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

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Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm